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Mr. Alex C. Rodriguez
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Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) conducted a program evaluation of the City of Santa Fe Springs Fire Department's Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) on June 20, 2007. The evaluation was comprised of an in-office program review. The State evaluator completed a Certified Unified Program Agency Evaluation Summary of Findings with your agency's program management staff, which includes any identified deficiencies, program observations and recommendations, and examples of outstanding program implementation.

The enclosed Evaluation Summary of Findings is now considered final and based upon review, I find that the City of Santa Fe Springs Fire Department's CUPA's program performance meets or exceeds standards.

Cal/EPA also noted during this evaluation that City of Santa Fe Springs Fire Department's CUPA has worked to bring about a number of local program innovations, including: implementing a strong technical outreach program and annual inspecting "Target Hazards" businesses. We will be sharing these innovations with the larger CUPA community through the Cal/EPA Unified Program web site to help foster a sharing of such ideas statewide.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the protection of public health and the environment through the implementation of your local Unified Program. If you have any questions or need further assistance, you may contact your evaluator or Jim Bohon, Manager, Cal/EPA Unified Program at (916) 327-5097 or by email at jbohon@calepa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Please see next page

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CERTIFIED UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY EVALUATION SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

CUPA: City of Santa Fe Springs
Fire Department CUPA

Evaluation Date: June 20, 2007

EVALUATION TEAM

Cal/EPA: JoAnn Jaschke

This Evaluation Summary of Findings includes the deficiencies identified during the evaluation, program observations and recommendations, and examples of outstanding program implementation activities. The evaluation findings are preliminary and subject to change upon review by state agency and CUPA management. Questions or comments can be directed to JoAnn Jaschke at (916) 323-2204.

	<u>Deficiency</u>	<u>Preliminary Corrective Action</u>
1	No deficiencies found.	

CUPA Representative

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Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)
Evaluation Summary of Findings

PROGRAM OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The observations and recommendations provided in this section address activities the CUPA are implementing and/or may include areas for continuous improvement not specifically required of the CUPA by regulation or statute.

1. **Observation:** The CUPA developed and implemented a permit revocation process to expand their enforcement options. Additionally, the CUPA took 12 formal (9 AEO with fines and penalties totaling \$106,093, 1 civil prosecution with fines and penalties totaling \$10,399, and 2 pending criminal prosecutions) enforcement actions in FY 05/06.

Recommendation: Continue taking formal enforcement against businesses when necessary.

2. **Observation:** The CUPA has highly qualified, educated, and experienced inspection staff. Several individuals have advanced degrees and professional licenses in which the City rewards with significant pay incentives. As a result, the CUPA is able to retain these highly skilled individuals, meet their inspection frequencies, be proactive with setting program goals, develop an outstanding spill cleanup process, and provide valuable input in helping the Unified Program be coordinated and consistent at both the local and state level by participating in the following groups or activities:

- UST, Hazardous Waste, and Corrective Action TAG
- LA County Environmental Crimes Strike Force
- LEPC Region I Administering Agency Subcommittee
- Rail Road Safety Taskforce
- Inspection and Enforcement Workgroup
- Chairing the LAC4
- Developing a new environmental ordinance to replace the existing ordinance
- Enhancing their website to include downloadable CUPA forms
- Cal/EPA performance measures workgroup
- Receiving a Salute of Merit for an inspector's efforts in improving the community by making it a safer and better place to live.

Recommendation: Continue to make improvements in implementing the Unified Program.

3. **Observation:** The CUPA was reporting one CalARP regulated business with four addresses as four separate businesses on the Annual Summary Reports submitted to the state. However, the business only has one stationary source and the buildings are interconnected making up one area.

Recommendation: Count this as one business subject to the CalARP program surcharge on Report 2 and one regulated business on report 3 of in the Annual Summary Reports submitted to the state.

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EXAMPLES OF OUTSTANDING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

1. The CUPA implements a strong technical outreach program to assist the regulated community in understanding and complying with the laws and regulations. In the FY 04/05 and 05/06, the CUPA conducted business workshops on UST requirements and hazardous waste generators. Other activities included: assisting in the universal waste roundup events, contributing to the Chamber of Commerce newsletters and City Enviro-Wise newsletters, and preparing a proclamation, which proclaimed September 19-25, 2006 National Pollution Prevention Week.
2. The CUPA is proactive in ensuring that the City of Santa Fe Springs is prepared for an emergency. First, the CUPA identifies businesses as "Target Hazards". These businesses are inspected annually and the CUPA staff provides the first responders with technical and specific information regarding these facilities. Second, specific chemicals handled at all regulated facilities is maintained in the CUPA's DMS data management computer system. DMS systems have been installed on all fire engines that provide the first responders with immediate access to chemical data and facility information should a release occur. In addition, the CUPA assigns a primary and secondary staff person that is available for emergency responses. Lastly, the CUPA is actively involved in the South East Region Community Awareness and Emergency Response that works to improve emergency response planning and to inform the public about the nature of chemicals and how to react in the event of a chemical emergency.
3. The CUPA updated its spill cleanup and cost recovery procedure. This robust procedure provides the Fire Department personnel options for managing hazardous material spills in a way that expedites the cleanup process and minimizes cost to the City and gives the Fire Department personnel guidelines for managing the cleanup and disposal of hazardous material spilled or dumped in the City. The procedure covers cleanup actions taken directly by the Fire Department under contract with the responsible party and a process for utilizing state resources when the responsible party is unknown.
4. The CUPA writes clear and detailed inspection reports that include an overview of the activities performed at the facility and detailed descriptions of any noted violations.